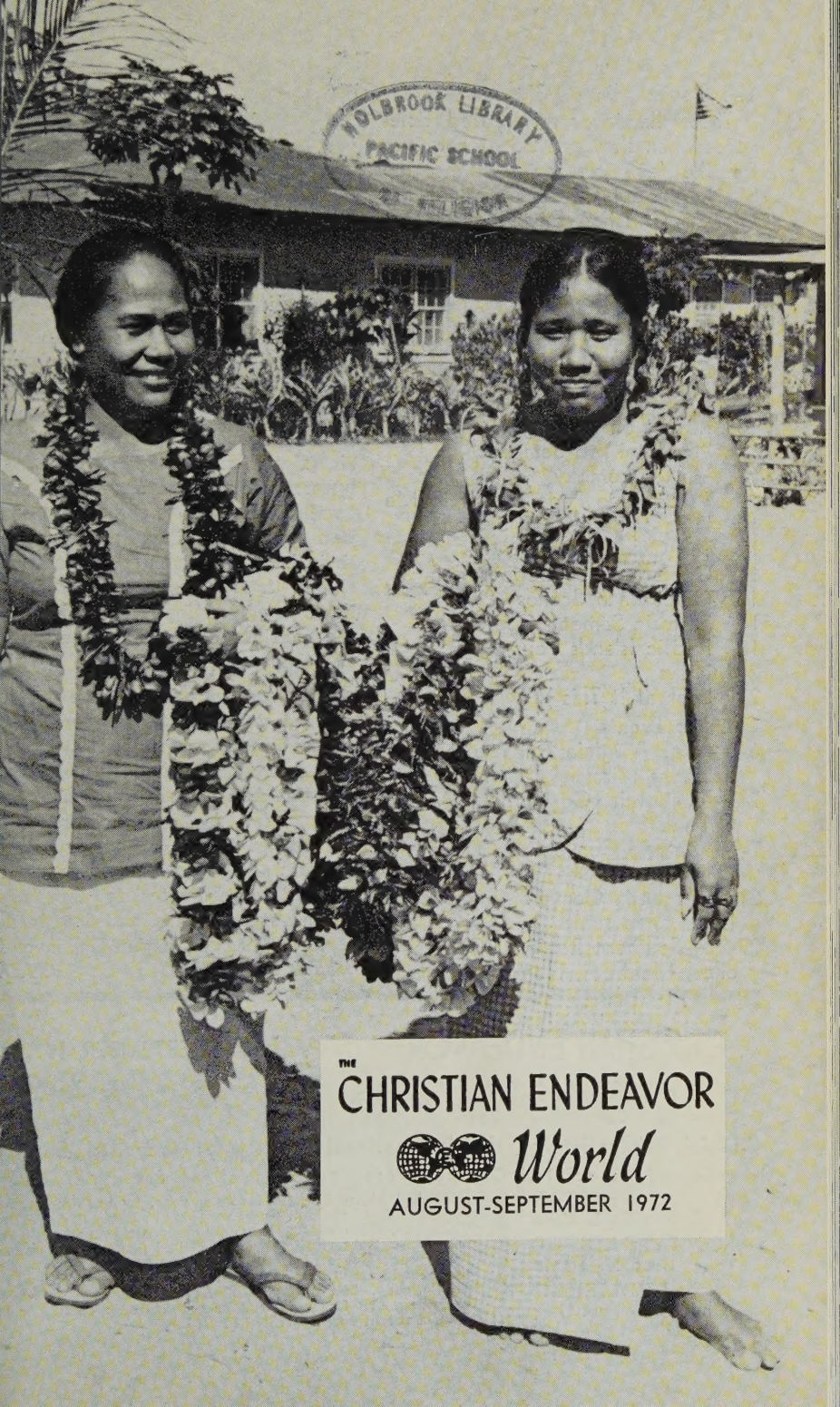
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These Endeavorers greeted delegates when they arrived at Fagaitua for the 'ava ceremony during the Sixth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union August 3-6 in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Reports and photos of the conference are on pages 3-19 of this issue.

**Conference Photos by Phyllis I. Rike**

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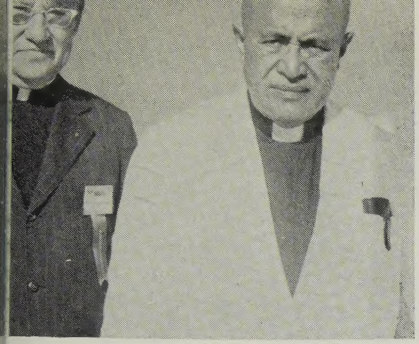


Dr. Meadows and Mr. Sunia

**President Meadows Reports:**

# SIXTH AREA I CONFERENCE

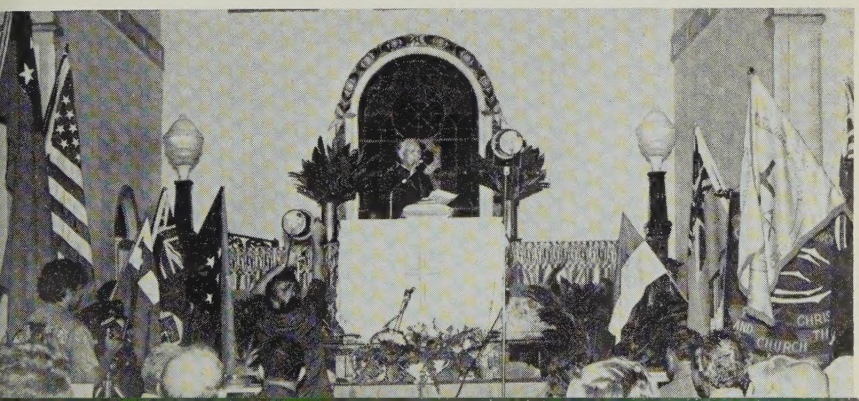
The Sixth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union held in Pago Pago, American Samoa, August 3-6, 1972, brought together over 1,200 people, with representatives from 15 countries and island groups. Theme of the conference was "Christ Calls . . . Advance!"

Local arrangements were most adequately provided for, including free housing, meals, and sight-seeing tours under the leadership of Rev. Fiti Sunia, pastor and presiding minister of the area, as chairman of the local committee and his son, Fofo Sunia, head of the department of tourism for the government of American Samoa, as secretary.

No convention or conference that I have attended anywhere in the world has been more royally entertained. The Samoans seemed to get great joy out of serving as gracious hosts, presenting generous gifts of native art and handiwork to all of the visiting delegates, and providing for our every need. The hospitality was an example to all of us and much appreciated. This, they said, was according to old Samoan customs. They are indeed a friendly people, and their enthusiasm for Christian Endeavor is boundless. It was publicly announced that every village in American Samoa (population about 35,000) and Western Samoa (population about 125,000) has a church and every church has Christian Endeavor. The coordinator for the conference on behalf of the World's Union was P. A. R. (Alf) Chesterton, president of the Australian Union.

The conference was bilingual, English and Samoan. The program was printed with English on one page and Samoan on the next; even the hymns were in both languages. The conference was recognized and greet-

Roll Call of Nations at opening session, Dr. Meadows presiding.



ings were extended in person by the highest ranking people in the islands, the Honorable John M. Haydon, governor of American Samoa; the Honorable Mataafa F. F. M. II, chairman of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa; and Rev. T. Sofara S. Aiono, president of the Samoan Christian Endeavor Union (which includes both American and Western Samoa).

In each of the mass sessions, which had an attendance of well over the thousand mark, great choir groups (sometimes numbering over 200 voices and dressed in beautifully colored robes) sang, and youth witnesses from various countries spoke and led in devotions. The great congregational singing was led by a young Samoan minister, Rev. Tavita Samuelu. The music of the conference was something no one who was there will ever forget, especially on Saturday night when 18 Christian Endeavor society groups participated in the session which culminated in an observance of the Holy Communion, after a three hour festival of praise in anthems, hymn singing, and verse choir recitations. At one point the whole congregation stood and joined in reciting from memory the Christian Endeavor pledge and singing their Christian Endeavor hymn.

The Quiet Hour and Bible study sessions Friday and Saturday mornings were most inspiring. The five Educational Conferences (Pastors, Christian Endeavor Essentials, Fellowship of Prayer, Extension, and Union Officers) seemed to be a new feature to many of the delegates, but were very well received. Each delegate selected the conference of

GROUP SINGING led by President Meadows during Quiet Hour at Lee Auditorium.

his choice and yet every conference was well attended, some running up into the hundreds. There were over 200 ministers in the conference for pastors. Interest ran high, making it difficult to close the sessions at the end of the one and three-quarter hours allotted.

The 'ava ceremonies (ordinarly reserved for the most honored guests) and the feasts with all kinds of tropical foods, featuring scores of roasted pigs and roasted hogs that required four to six men to carry each of them, kegs of corned beef, and presents joyfully given to all visiting delegates, were a new and exciting experience, especially for the American delegation. This was the featured activity of Saturday morning.

Sunday was truly a day of worship with services in various churches morning and afternoon and the climactic mass session of the conference in the evening.

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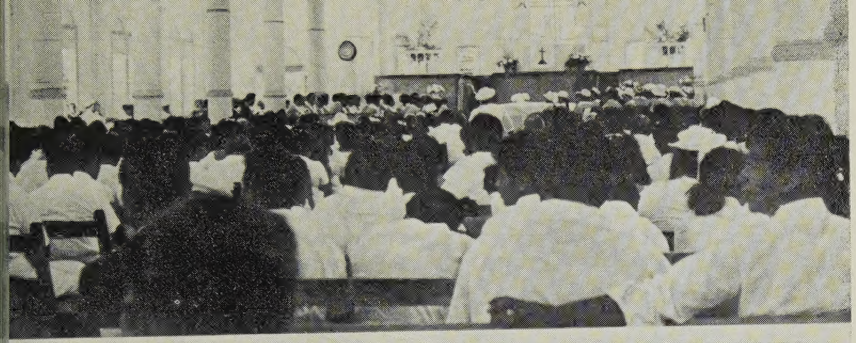
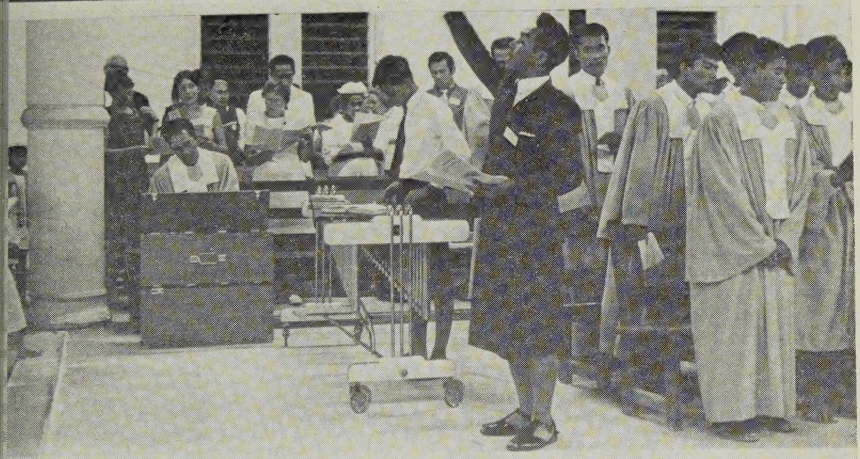
OPPOSITE PAGE — Photos from the Society Participation Festival and Communion Service Saturday night include (from top): crowd shot; Rev. Tavita Samuelu, song leader, in action; two scenes of groups of Endeavorers ready to participate.





# Report on Evening Meetings

## By Ray H. Elvery, President, Papua—New Guinea

The evening meetings of the Area I Conference at Pago Pago were thrilling for all of us. Not only did we experience the real Spirit of the Lord in the devotional meetings, but we were entertained to the highest degree.

Samoan societies entertained us in traditional style in the Lee Auditorium on our first evening. The auditorium, shaped like a turtle, is a very clever piece of architecture and craftsmanship. A packed auditorium enjoyed the varied Samoan dances. Dancing was not confined to the young men and women, as we had expected, but as the older ladies joined with the very young the enjoyment and appreciation of the audience was most obvious. The Art Festival Choir dressed in beautiful tapa printed palasamis provided some very enjoyable items. How the audience clapped and shouted as the choir sang the old story of the eruption of the Saveii volcano, which they believe to be the wrath of God displayed against the sin of the people. Two lads performed the very exciting and intricate fire dance, not often seen in Samoa today, and Pastor Joel from Fagaalu Village did the highly skillful knife dance.

During the opening session we witnessed the very colorful Procession of Flags. Representatives from 15 countries were present, and together we received greetings from the governor, the Honorable John M. Haydon. Our world president, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, spoke to us from I Timothy, urging us each one to "stir up the gift which is in you," stressing most emphatically that we are responsible to the Lord for the hour in which we live. We cannot shelve this responsibility. It is ours. God has called us to it, and is preparing us for it. Christ calls, "Advance!"

Over 700 gathered at the evening mass session held at the Pago Pago Church on the following evening. Two choirs presented beautiful and most inspiring music. The Vaitogi choir was dressed in maroon and gold, while the Pago Pago choir was in gold and white. What a lovely sight! Rev. Fiti Sunia spoke to us from Isaiah 60. He stated that our advance for Christ should be dedicated to the Lord, continuous, dependent on Christ, well prepared, and well informed. An interesting feature was the very capable playing of a xylophone by a 12-year-old lad.

Saturday afternoon we gathered at 4:30 for the grand Society Participation Festival and Communion Service at the Pago Pago Church. Over

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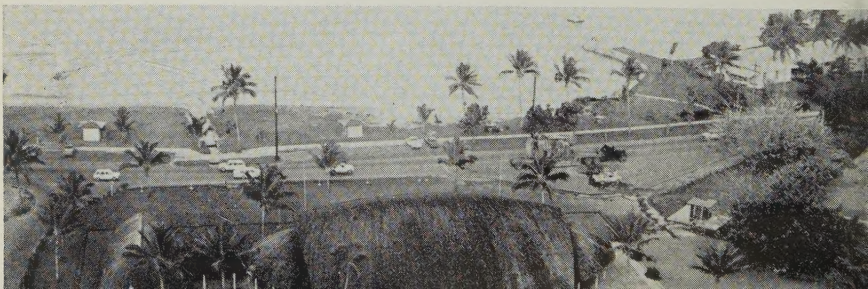
LEE AUDITORIUM, shaped like a porpoise, was site for several conference activities.



# "Faafetai" to Samoans

**By Rev. Takashi Oku**
**Director and Secretary**
**Japan Christian Endeavor Union**

I know the word "hospitality" through my experiences both within and out of my country, both giving and being given. In Romans 12:13 there are the words, "Practice hospitality." What a pleasure for a traveler to be welcomed with warm hearts of people wherever he goes! And it was truly the same even in Bible times. In Samoa at the Christian Endeavor conference this summer, however, I really was impressed very much by such wonderful hospitality by the people there, that I have to think of my own hospitality, which has has not been very gracious in comparison. They taught me a most wonderful way of hospitality, a little bit of which I would like to relate.

I was welcomed by Rev. and Mrs. Protesano at the airport, and during the whole period of the conference for a week I stayed at their home, as did other overseas delegates, each of whom stayed at different ministers' homes. In the program of the conference there were also such happy times when we were welcomed to "Taumafataga (feast)," which is to say, "Faafiafiaga Faa-Samoa (Traditional Samoan Entertainment)" by them, besides receiving many gifts (Taalolo) as necklaces made with shells, mattings, etc.

The Samoans seem to be just happy in making their guests comfortable, for I have never seen or been given such great hospitality from a whole congregation and whole town. We enjoyed each other every moment, with little care of the passing time.

The Rev. and Mrs. Protesano, at whose home I stayed, have eleven of their own children and one little adopted girl. Mr. Protesano is active as a chaplain at both a hospital and a nursery school. I was very impressed by their devotion, especially when the whole family got together to pray every evening. In this experience, I was welcomed and respected as their honorable guest and I was very grateful, being far away from my own home.

I was very surprised when I heard that almost all Samoans are Christians, and over 60% belong to the Congregational Church. How much I wish that I could live in such a country, for my country (Japan) has a very low percentage of Christians. It is very understandable and admirable to know their hospitality and Christian faith.

Their life is, however, rather primitive and different from what most of us are used to. They walk on the streets with their bare feet. Their living is neither gay nor luxurious. Through almost all the year they must conquer hot weather and high temperatures. But in spite of these conditions they have made their daily life peaceful with their friendliness. I spent enjoyable days with their warm hospitality.

After one week of staying in Samoa, I got on board a plane for Honolulu, with much thankfulness, saying "Tofa-foifua (goodbye)" and "Faafetai (thank you)" for everything. One couple sitting next to me then asked me, "Why do you have

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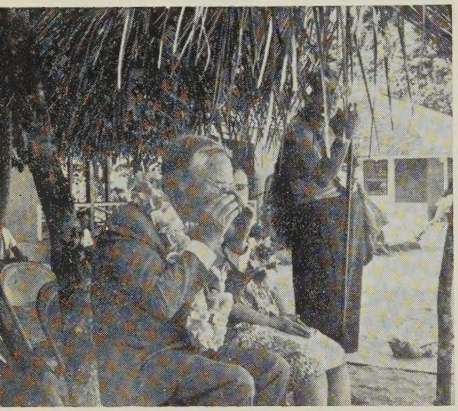

**'AVA CEREMONY** scenes at Fagaitua in the Eastern District include (top) village elders; (above left) President Meadows drinking 'ava, with Rev. T. Sofara S. Aiono, Samoan Union president, at left and the root from which 'ava is made on the ground at right; High Chief Le'iato T. (right), vice-chairman of the conference organizing committee; and (below) villagers bearing gifts.

# What Pago Pago Meant to Me

## By Evans Ramrattan, Delegate from Trinidad

The Area I Conference has come and gone, but will never be forgotten.

Throughout my stay I was deeply touched and moved by the friendliness, generosity, and hospitality of the Samoan people. Their way of life will have a lasting impression on my own life.

I had the good fortune to stay with Sonoma Liufau T. Unutoa and his family. Besides being a senior elder of the church he is also a high chief of the village and one who is well thought of. In his home I found a home away from home. This contributed more than anything else to make my stay a happy and memorable one.

Time and time again I was overwhelmed by the way the Samoans treat their guests. Regardless of color, race, or nationality they made us all feel welcome. I could not help but be reminded that we are all brothers and sisters, children of God.

The Samoans welcome important and distinguished visitors by performing the 'ava ceremony or holding a big feast. This is usually followed by the giving of many gifts. I had the privilege of sharing in a few of these. By giving freely, willingly, and abundantly the Samoan people have shown to me the true meaning of the text: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

One of the biggest surprises I had was that almost every Samoan if not all attends or belongs to one Christian Church or other. Sunday begins with Sunday school and this is followed by two services — one in the morning and one in the afternoon. In many of the churches there is also a fellowship meeting in the evening as well. I can't think of any people anywhere who are as anxious and eager to worship and praise God and to have fellowship one with another.

I found the family life of the Samoans very interesting and one from which we can learn a great deal. The head of each family is a chief. These chiefs form the village council. There is also a women's council. The council handles all matters dealing with the life of the village. This council has nothing whatsoever to do with the government and no decision it takes is binding, but if the guilty persons don't abide by its ruling they are punished by the villagers. If the offense is a serious one it is taken to the courts.

One of the biggest problems today is the generation gap. This is a lack of proper and meaningful communication between young and old, between children and parents. As far as I learned Samoa has no such problem.

It was a great experience for me to take part in a conference of this nature. I was delighted to meet old friends and to exchange ideas and have fruitful discussions with many delegates. However, I was terribly disappointed in not seeing more young delegates amongst the visiting members. I hope that in future a greater effort will be made to have more young members attending.

What I learned and gained from my stay in Pago Pago is due almost entirely to the kindness and love of Rev. and Mrs. Christian A. Tirre of Hanapepe, Kauai. In addition to having me as their guest for the entire summer, they were responsible for my making the trip to Samoa. I am greatly indebted to them and I hope that through their love and example I will be able to lead a Christian life.

# Business Sessions in Samoa

## By William J. Sharpe, General Secretary, Area II World's Christian Endeavor Union

The Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union met August 3 in the unique setting of Sadie's Corner, Inter-Continental Hotel, Utulei, American Samoa, overlooking the Pacific Ocean and the mountains of the island. Representation was as follows: Australia 2, Canada 1, Great Britain 1, Japan 1, Samoa 1 and U.S.A. 7.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows presided and in his report as president and general secretary related some of the highlights of the year, which included a tour of Europe when Spain, Switzerland, Germany, and Holland were visited, the latter country in connection with the Area II Conference held in Amerongen September 1971. He also addressed rallies in England and Germany. In all, the president had travelled some 93,468 miles in ten countries and had delivered 369 sermons and addresses.

The secretary of Area II, William J. Sharpe, reported on the Area Conference in Amerongen, Holland, when, in addition to the routine work of the conference, Dutch Endeavorers had gathered in good numbers, every society being represented. Since that time two new societies have been formed. Mr. Sharpe spent ten days in Egypt during December, spoke at many rallies and services in Cairo and Assiut, and visited the Christian Endeavor orphanage and the proposed site of the Christian Endeavor Center. Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany shared in this visit. On two occasions congregations of 1,000 and 2,000 were recorded.

Arising from this report, it was agreed to set up a Bylaws Committee to look into the question of the formation of national and international unions, with President Meadows as chairman.

During consideration of the 1974 World's Convention to be held in Germany July 24-28, it was revealed that owing to the very high cost of halls in Stuttgart, it has been decided by

INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL from Solo Hill with beautiful Pago Pago Harbor and Rainmaker Mountain in the background.

1974 NOMINATING COMMITTEE of World's Union meeting August 4 included (clockwise from left): William J. Sharpe (back to camera), chairman; Arch J. McQuilkin, P. A. R. Chesterton, Rev. Takashi Oku, Frances M. Becker, Rev. Charles W. Barner, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Clyde Sherk, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows.

the German leaders to move to the city of Essen in the Ruhr, where costs will be much lower.

The question of the Essen registration fee was raised, the feeling being that the amount decided previously for delegates from outside Germany was too low. The action fixing these fees was rescinded, the new amount being $10 U.S., with $3 U.S. for students. Germany was left to fix its own rates for its Endeavorers.

Under grants to national unions, it was agreed to continue the arrangement with India at $1,500, with an additional $750 provided they raise a like amount. The generosity of the Pennsylvania (U.S.A.) Union was recorded in the continuing giving to India. To Japan, an amount of $350 was agreed.

Developing areas of Solomon Islands, Nigeria, and Indonesia were discussed. It was felt this to be a matter of some urgency and enabling power was given to the Executive Committee to act. Australian delegates are prepared to take the initiative so far as Indonesia is concerned, as they have done in the cases of the Solomons and Papua-New Guinea.

Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland was elected as a vice-president to complete the unexpired term created by the death of Dr. F. Rupert Gibson.

The committee set up in Canada to study the matter of the position of general secretary being separated from the presidency reported, recommending the name of Rev. Charles W. Barner, the general secretary of the International Society. This name was accepted, his appointment as general secretary and clerk to commence forthwith. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows and Phyllis I. Rike were warmly thanked for their services to the movement as general and executive secretary respectively. The office of executive secretary will now disappear.

The next Area II Conference is to take place at Basel in Switzerland the week of September 23, 1973, and it was agreed to try to make arrangements with Guatemala for the Area I Conference of 1976 to take place there.

The 1974 Nominating Committee and the 1978 Convention Time and Place Committee met following the Trustees meeting, looking at arrangements for nominations and elections for the next quadrennial meetings and also for the 18th World's Convention. Meetings also took place with representatives from Papua-New Guinea, Fiji, Caroline Islands, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Samoa, to confer as to how the work can be extended and consolidated.

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**HE COLORFUL FEAST** at Vailoatai Saturday morning featured (opsite page) a "Talofa" welcome por; the daughter of the high chief full Polynesian dress leading a usical procession; an immense asted pig presented to Dr. Meaws; and tapa cloth and other gifts. n this page are the arbors conucted for the almost 1,000 guests; e parade of women bringing the undant food; Clyde Sherk of Canla (below right) watching a weaving monstration; and LaVerne Boss and s wife Norma enjoying cold coconut ilk.

# Southeast Asian and Pacific Area CONFERENCE OF COOPERATION

**By P. A. R. Chesterton, President**
**Australian Christian Endeavor Union**

In a lush, fertile, tropical setting, deep in the Pacific, just a few degrees south of the equator, bathed with warm and brilliant sunshine, in the village of Taputimu, American Samoa, an occasion unparalleled in the history of world Christian Endeavor took place — The Southeast Asian and Pacific Area Conference of Cooperation.

The thought was developed at the World's Convention in Canada in 1970 when it was envisaged that Christian Endeavor and non-Christian Endeavor nations might be brought together to share in the witness and effectiveness of the movement. A Conference of Cooperation of both groups of nations within Area I was scheduled August 2, the day prior to the Area I Conference. Nations throughout the Pacific, Southeast Asia, and the Americas were contacted with many encouraging results. Ultimately some 15 nations were represented at Samoa when the hoped and prayed for Conference of Cooperation became a reality.

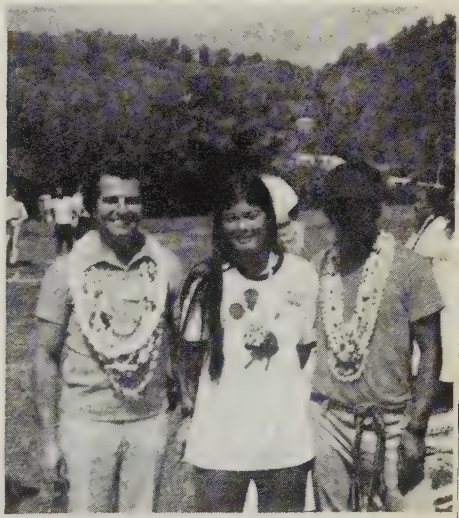
The conference was planned to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, in the Congregational Church at Taputimu. The church is a large building seating about 800 and is built in a setting of breathtaking tropical splendor. A guard of honor lined the entrance to the church and all visiting delegates were garlanded with leis as they entered. The pastor, genial Rev. Lauifi Siva, provided every possible facility for his guests. The afternoon sessions were held in the Leone Congregational Church where again the Rev. Panama Mutu exhibited the same kind of ca and practical facility for the confe ence delegates.

The conference was presided ov by the inimitable World's Union pre ident, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, a from beginning to end the proce ings moved with pleasing ease a satisfying progress.

The program was well balanced a included periods for Devotion, Ge ting Acquainted, History and Deve opment of Christian Endeavor, Bas Principles and Organizational Pa tern, Reports on Conditions in Islan and Countries Represented, Ho Christian Endeavor Was Organize in Papua-New Guinea and the Sol mon Islands, and "What Come Next?"

Possibly the most exciting develo ment arising from the Conference Cooperation was an invitation fro the Indonesian representative, Vi cent Tan, to the World's Union begin Christian Endeavor work Indonesia. Mr. Tan spoke of cond tions there insofar as the Christia Church is involved, advising that revival is taking place and that the is an immediate need in the lives the new Christians for the trainin and participation Christian Endeav can provide.

The invitation was accepted wi rejoicing and thankfulness to A mighty God. Much needs to be do to bring the invitation to reality a the prayers and practical assistan of Endeavorers throughout the wor are sought that this movement of t Holy Spirit of God will have full a unfettered progress.



**RANDOM SCENES** include (top) Frances M. Becker and other delegates traveling via pick-up truck; (top right) Timothy Laesanau, personable delegate from the Solomon Islands Union; Governor John M. Haydon of American Samoa (above) greeting delegates under glare of television lights at opening session; (right) two delegates from Hawaii chatting with Ray Elvery (left), president of the Papua-New Guinea Union; and part of the crowd at the Saturday morning Quiet Hour and Bible study period.

# Historic Samoan Conference

**By Rev. Frederick J. Nile, National Director**
**Australian Christian Endeavor Union**

The Area I Conference was historical on two counts. It was the first international Christian event in Samoa. Over 700 delegates shared in the conference from 15 Pacific nations.

Secondly, it was historical because of the tremendous generosity and hospitality showered upon the delegates. Our Australian delegation of 25 persons had to arrange special sea freight to ship all the gifts, mats, necklaces, and other materials back home.

The conference was officially opened by the governor of American Samoa, John M. Haydon, who warmly commended the gathering because it strengthened the Christian Church which is the main integrating force in Samoa during a period of rapid change.

The leader of Western Samoa, Mataafa F.F.M. II, who is also chairman of the Congregational Christian Church, spoke warmly of his personal Christian faith. He said: "I we as Endeavorers have hones' pledged that we put our trust in o Lord Jesus Christ, then we shou not have any hesitancy in respondi to the call, 'Advance'! In spite of changes that are taking place in o midst today, we can still respond a united front as disciplined and we trained soldiers to the Commande call, 'Advance.'"

As a Congregationalist it was a unusual experience to be in a natio where Congregationalism is the "e tablished church" with over 63% the total population active membe and a huge white-walled church buil ing in every village.

The Quiet Hour sessions each da were attended by happy, expectan delegates. The first session was a dressed by Rev. Takashi Oku Japan. Mr. Oku gave many helpf points concerning Christian discipl ship in his engaging, dignified Jap nese style. My thoughts were fille

SUPPER SAMOAN STYLE is enjoyed by President Clyde W. Meadows (righ who joined the approximately 80 Western Samoans who were also housed the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fiti Sunia. The general secretary of the Samoa Union, Rev. Faulalo Sagapolutele, is third from right.

h wonder at the oneness we have Jesus and how Jesus heals bitter- s and divisions, especially where cty years before an American base s located in World War II. Ray ery, president of the Papua-New inea Union, excited his audience h his dramatic message. Mr. El- y's school teaching experiences in w Guinea greatly assisted his com- nication to the large Samoan au- nce.

A variety of Educational Confer- es were held to assist Pacific and ian Christian Endeavor leaders. ances M. Becker of U.S.A. gave a ry capable explanation of Christian deavor Essentials, showing how e movement has readily adapted it- f to the various Pacific cultures.

Rev. Christian A. Tirre of Hawaii owed how Christian Endeavor can extended in the Pacific. Mr. Tirre's periences in U.S.A. and the Pacific lped him relate Christian Endeavor the Pacific area and show its rele- nce when strongly led by committed ristian youth.

William J. Sharpe of England, neral secretary of Area II and an perienced union officer, gave many luable hints to the Union Officers nference. Mr. Sharpe's presence lped to bring home to all delegates e worldwide scope of Christian En- avor.

One of the main thrills of the con- ence was my opportunity to train o hundred ministers from the main ands of the Pacific. In discussing uth work I was told, "All the min- er needs is a whip to control the ung people!" This reactionary view as held in a nation where most of e high school students now have sed circuit television lessons from very modern TV station.

Fortunately, this view was only ld by a minority of the older min- ers. A number of younger ministers, some of whom have experienced international travel, showed a deep awareness of the need to avoid the generation gap. They sought to give a sympathetic ear to the young people who are facing such dramatic cultural changes.

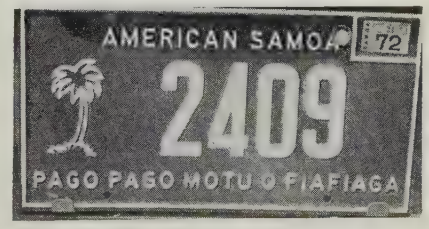
Samoa is actually divided into two political entities. Western Samoa is an independent nation with its own Parliament and leaders. The other group of Eastern Islands are described as American Samoa, which has its own elected legislature and an American-appointed governor who is responsible to the U.S.A. Department of the Interior.

The most unusual aspect of my stay in Samoa was the opportunity of living in a typical Samoan home. My clothing was "gently" washed by hand on the local "stone washing machine."

Women's liberation has not reached Samoa; guests are fed first, then the men, lastly the women eat as a group. It was bad for male pride to be waited upon with an attractive Samoan maiden gently waving a palm leaf! (My wife has rejected these quaint customs.)

Finally, living in Samoa and traveling through Fiji and the New Hebrides showed the frightening clash between the native and Western cultures. The shock they are suffering gave point to the "future shock" which we all are experiencing.

The churches of the Pacific need our prayers as they seek to respond creatively to both "culture" and "future shock."



# Pacific Islands Tour

## By Rev. Charles W. Barner, Tour Director

From the time of the first soft aloha in Honolulu July 29 until the sleek jet lifted us from Tahiti August 18, we were treated to a Pacific paradise. The islands were alive with gardenias, hibiscus, and other brilliant tropical flowers that are worn as leis.

Endeavorers from the Island State of Hawaii welcomed us with floral leis and provided the traditional luau featuring pig, poi, and pineapple Saturday evening. Dr. Abraham Akaka related how Christianity came to Hawaii and the Kawaiahao Church choir sang traditional Hawaiian music.

While some leaders visited the islands of Kauai and Maui for morning worship July 30, the tour party attended morning services at the Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu where Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Union, presented the message. Following the service lunch was served to the tour party by Endeavorers of the Kawaiahao Church followed by a time of fellowship.

Several changes became evident as we crossed the equator from Honolulu to Pago Pago, American Samoa, August 2. The familiar greeting of aloha changed to talofa and the long days of summer changed to the long nights of winter. In the early morning hours we were greeted with kisses of friendship and flower leis, followed by a welcome address by Rev. Fiti Sunia, chairman of the Elder Ministers of the Congregational Christian Chur in Samoa.

Doorless buses with open windo and hard seats moved us along win ing coastal roads during the days the Sixth Area I Conference. Tou of the Eastern and Western Distri of the island revealed coconut pal breadfruit, and banana trees as w as patches of taro and tapioca.

These happy Polynesian people gr ciously opened their homes to ente tain us for more than five da Some of them moved to other qua ters so we could have full run their homes; most of these are si ilar in style and furnishings to hom on the mainland. Many other hom or fales are constructed with thatch roofs on supporting posts, maki them durable structures with fun tional design to withstand the su wind, and rain. Woven mats on t floor are used for sitting and slee ing.

The generosity of the Samoan pe ple is unsurpassed. Each overse guest received gifts of shell necklac woven mats, tapa cloth, handbags, a many other items. We enjoyed ma fiafias or feasts with pork, chick and fish as the basic meats. Food w provided in abundance with go music and a festive spirit.

The Samoans possess a tranquil that comes from an inner spiritu warmth. Their love for the Lord w

SPONTANEOUS Si dancing followed prese tation by girls at Papau School. Rev. Faulalo Sa apolutele, Samoan Uni general secretary, is center, arms outstretche

anifested by their gracious enter-
inment of overseas guests.

A visit to "Vailima," the historic
me of Robert Louis Stevenson and
w the residence of the head of
ate in Western Samoa, reminded
; that we were in an independent
untry. A visit to Papauto School for
irls, directed by Princess Salama-
na, gave us a glimpse of the culture
d an exposure to their traditional
usic. At the Congregational Chris-
an Church in Apia an overflow
owd of young people shared in a
hristian Endeavor society participa-
on service preceding an address by
r. Meadows, the World's Union pres-
ent. Scenes of beaches with black
nd, lofty mountain views, beauti-
l waterfalls, and banyan trees still
nger in our minds.

Our first night in Tonga we di-
ided into seven groups to visit Free
Vesleyan Methodist Churches in var-
us areas of the Island of Tonga-
tapu. At Nukunuku we were wel-
comed with a kava ceremony, enter-
tained with traditional folk and war
dances, refreshed with abundance of
food, and served delicious tea follow-
ing the worship service.

Music is an important part of wor-
ship with well-trained choirs render-
ing beautiful anthems. We listened to
fifteen choirs of more than 500 voices
which combined to sing the "Hallelu-
jah Chorus."

We treasure memories of a coral
island with no mountains or rivers,
but people who are dedicated to Jesus
Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The tour of more than 10,000 miles
was concluded with three-day visits
to Fiji and Tahiti. We did not have
the close association with Christian
Endeavorers there that we had on
the other islands. Members of the
London Missionary Society brought
the Gospel to this area of the world
in 1797.

AALOLO (presentation of gifts) by the Women's Fellowship of Tutuila and
Manu'a District, Congregational Christian Church of Samoa.

# NEWS

## Mexican Centennial

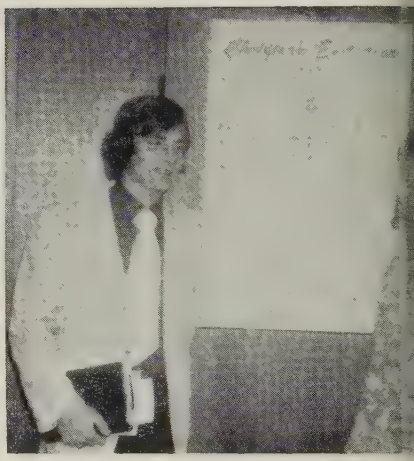
In connection with the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico October 22-29 in Mexico City, Intermediate Endeavorers (ages 13-17) will hold three sessions. Activities will center in Gethsemani Church of Coyoacan. Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, president of the International Society, plans to participate.

## Jogging Pays

Eugene G. Alhart of Rochester, New York, used a unique method to raise funds for Christian Endeavor International. Between April 17 and 24 he jogged 10 miles at the Rochester YMCA, with over 62 sponsors contributing from 2¢ up to $1 a mile for Christian Endeavor. Even two cats each paid 10¢ a mile! Gene not only raised $330, but used the project as an opportunity to present the Gospel.

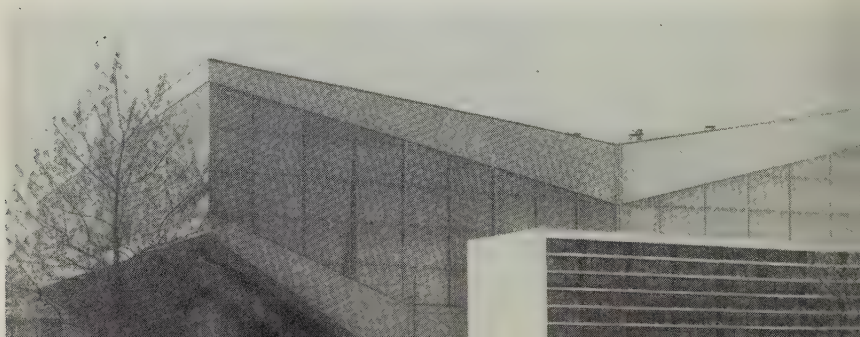
## It's Essen in 1974!

The venue for the 17th World's Christian Endeavor Convention July 24-28, 1974, has been changed to Essen, Germany. This move was made for economic reasons. Essen, which is about 20 miles from Dusseldorf, is in the Ruhr River Valley. Meetings will be held at the modern Gruga Halla, which is in a beautiful par which has a little train, a heate swimming pool, large lawns, flower and trees. Already German Endeav orers have outlined possible one-da trips to the Sauerland and to Cologn on the Rhine River and longer tou to Kassel and to Bad Liebenzell i the Black Forest area.



ONTARIO LEADERS at recent din ner meeting are Terry Gilmour, pres dent of Niagara Regional Sout Union, and Arlene Zavitz, Canadia regional vice-president and Ontari Union president.

ESSEN GRUGA-HALLA, new site for 1974 World's Convention.



## rsonalia

*Arch J. McQuilkin,* assistant to the sident of the International Society d World's Union Finance Committ- chairman, left September 19 for around-the-world trip. After stops London, Paris, Frankfurt, Bombay, d Calcutta, he will arrive October n Tiruchirapalli, India. As a rep- sentative of the Pennsylvania Un- , he will attend the wedding of shop Solomon Doraisawmy's daugh- Pauline on October 3 and then ll travel throughout the country th the India Union president. Fol- wing participation in the All-India nvention October 14-17 in Cuttack, will travel home via Bangkok, kyo, Honolulu, and San Francisco, turning to the Philadelphia area out October 25.

Christian Endeavor lost a longtime pporter with the death of *Andrew Whyte* of New Jersey and Florida May 26. A life trustee of the In- rnational Society, he encouraged the ovement by his prayers and sus- tained the work by his generous gifts. This quiet, humble servant of God will be greatly missed.

*Carolyn L. Arthur,* Oregon Endeavorer who has been employed at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, since June 1970, begins work October 2 in the secretarial pool at the headquarters of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in Huntington, Indiana. Shelia Wallace succeeds her as secretary to Phyllis I. Rike.

## Unions Elect

During the summer months many unions have elected new leaders. Included are these: Virginia — *Barbara J. Dority,* Roanoke; Texas — *Suzanne Barton,* Dallas; Pennsylvania — *P. Raymond Bartholomew,* Sharon; Ohio — *Larry W. Clark,* Columbus; New York — *Paul Burke,* Angola; Indiana — *Terry Gamblin,* Evansville. As more information is received, these union presidents will be introduced through the pages of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

OLORFUL BANNERS proclaiming the Gospel were prepared by Ohio ndeavorers during their camp/conference/convention July 30-August 4 at he Highlands, near Windsor. Visiting leaders from neighboring Pennsylvania ere Ray and Jane Bartholomew.

# Prepare for Birthday Week

Christian Endeavor Week 1973 will be observed January 28-February 4 under the theme "Today and Always . . . . . Christ," based on Romans 13:12-14.

Materials for the observance of the week will be distributed free to societies and unions and may be secured from International Society Headquarters in Columbus.

Included will be Guidelines with a Suggested Worship Outline and plans for a Space Odyssey Party.

## "Faafetai" to Samoans

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so many necklaces around your neck?" They were also visitors in Samoa, but stayed at a hotel. I answered,, "They were given to me by friends in Samoa." "Oh, that's nice, for we didn't receive anything." I also said to them, "I was so happy and thankful that I learned much of Samoan life and enjoyed spending a week in their homes their way."

I will never forget the kindness I received from those Samoan friends, for the night before I left they gave me a wonderful farewell party. About twenty students of the nursery school gathered at the Protesanos for a delicious dinner, their very beautiful chorus and dancing of Samoan songs. I enjoyed that night, and it will always remain in my heart as one of happy memories, and as the symbol of our friendship in Christ.

I hope that every one of those who attended this Sixth Conference of Christian Endeavor, Area I, will remember to share this great experience in Samoa with the people of all the world for which I would like to say, "Faafetai" again to our friends in Samoa.

## Evening Meetings

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1,000 listened with interest as groups brought their greetings a responses by word and song. The si ing was such that we will never fo get. Following this, Rev. Charles Barner led the Communion Medit tion, and we joined with our Samo brothers and sisters around the Lor Table.

As Sunday evening approached was hard to believe that this was be the closing mass rally. The Fa togo Church was packed for the fi meeting. Choirs from Leone Villa and Fagatogo brought us thrilli messages in song. Will we ever fo get the joy and enthusiasm with wh our Samoan friends sang?

The theme of the evening was tak from Ephesians 4:1, "I beseech y that ye walk worthy of the vocati wherewith you are called." The que tion was asked, "Where to now?" the light of God's call to us in t Word, we must advance to real spiri ual maturity. This is the only answ to the growing challenge of the wor around. Christ calls, "Advance!"

## Area I Conference

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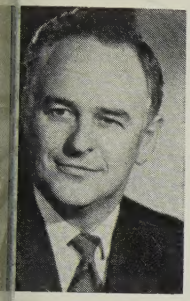
The most impressive thing abo the Samoans is their devoutness a sincerity and simple practice of t Christian way of life. On Sunday s ular activity stops and the people to church. Each day at about 6: o'clock gongs sound in various pa of the islands and the people st for prayer.

I came back to America feeli refreshed in spirit and quite conscio of the fact that many of us ha drifted slowly and possibly unco sciously from the simplicity of Chr tian living. Let us remember to pr for our fellow Christians of the va Pacific.

# LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...



## One in Christ

**By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President**
**International Society of Christian Endeavor**

Christian Endeavorers from various backgrounds, churches, denominational groups, and nations have always felt a oneness in Jesus Christ, but this feeling completely permeated the entire conference held in American Samoa August 3-6, 1972. The Sixth Area I Conference of the orld's Union brought delegates from 15 countries together to discuss how e might cooperate more fully in bringing Christ and the story of His ving love to the islands and countries of the Pacific Ocean area.

It was a joy and thrill to be able to pray, eat, live, and learn with Chris- an Endeavorers from all these other nations. One of our basic principles, ellowship with Christ's People," was most evident.

The many wonderful experiences of our five days on this tiny South acific island are beyond description; words are so inadequate. This was e first time the Samoan people had ever hosted a major gathering of Chris- an Endeavor leaders and you can be sure they left no stone unturned to ow their sincere interest and concern for our welfare, and their devotion d love for our one Lord and Saviour. Imagine, over 100 Samoan men, omen, and youth at the Pago Pago airport to greet us! This may not appear usual, but our plane arrived at six o'clock in the morning.

Many things impressed me, but permit me to share just a few with you. ave you ever had the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's upper with people from many different nations? On Saturday evening we athered around the Lord's Table and partook of the elements which sym- olize the broken body and shed blood of our Lord. Here we were giving wit- ess to the true fellowship and oneness we have in Christ. This was a service will not soon forget. It was also on this day that hundreds of Christian ndeavorers presented a festival where the members of each society partici- ated in some way to express their love for and commitment to Jesus Christ. his unity in Christ really impressed me.

A Quiet Hour and Bible study was held each morning where Christians rom different lands sang and prayed in their own native language and then oined together to sing the great hymns of the church. This experience and he many others frequently sent shivers up and down my spine.

The deep spiritual tone of this conference that called for personal commit- nent to Christ and dedication to His work at the local church level was very vident throughout the sessions and impressed me greatly. No one who at- ended could fail to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and Christ's call for reater service. Truly, it was an honor and a privilege for me to represent ou at this Area I Conference.

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# April 9-23

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The all-expense, personally conducted tour will leave New York by Swissair jet on Monday, April 9, arriving back at New York Monday, April 23. The price — $949 at present published rates.

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